

Searching ECF for Case Numbers In a Guidant Case

(Recommended for filers with an ECF account)

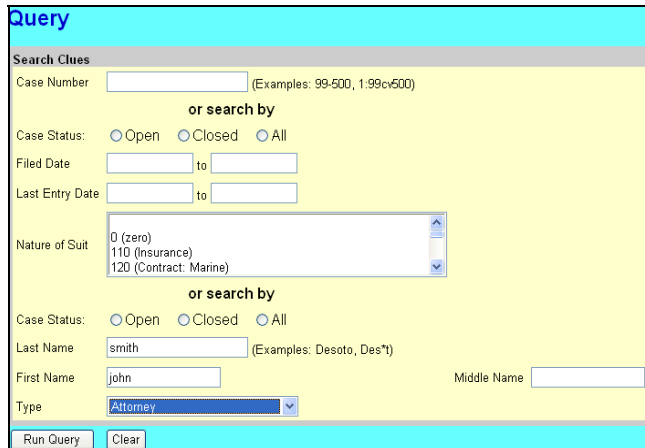
You can use the Query feature in ECF to search for Guidant case numbers by party. This feature is actually linked to the PACER system, so in order to run the query you can either go into PACER directly or you can run the query option once you are inside ECF. If you run the query from ECF you will be prompted for your PACER login once you click on the query option. Remember that PACER does charge \$.08 a page with a cap of \$2.60 for an entire document. Below are instructions on how to search case information in ECF.

1. Open your web browser and go to the following web page:
<https://ecf.mnd.uscourts.gov>
2. Log into **ECF** and click on the **Query** menu option. The **PACER** login and password fields appear. Type the PACER login and password information and click on **Login**.

OR

Log into the system using your **PACER** login and password.

3. At the **Query** screen type the **First** and **Last** name of the party you wish to view case information for in the fields provided. ex. John Smith.



The screenshot shows the 'Query' interface with the following fields and options:

- Search Clues**
 - Case Number: [text box] (Examples: 99-500, 1:99cv500)
- or search by**
 - Case Status: ☐ Open ☐ Closed ☐ All
 - Filed Date: [text box] to [text box]
 - Last Entry Date: [text box] to [text box]
 - Nature of Suit: [dropdown menu] (Options: 0 (zero), 110 (Insurance), 120 (Contract: Marine))
- or search by**
 - Case Status: ☐ Open ☐ Closed ☐ All
 - Last Name: [text box] (Examples: Desoto, Des*t)
 - First Name: [text box] (Example: John)
 - Middle Name: [text box]
 - Type: [dropdown menu] (Selected: Attorney)
- Buttons: Run Query, Clear

4. Use the **Type** drop-down arrow to select **Party**.

5. The radio button defaults to **All**. If you wish to only view the open or closed cases the attorney is linked to, select one of the other radio button options. Remember after a case is closed it may still have documents filed within the case.
6. Click on the **Run Query** button.

Select A Person

There were 6 matching persons.

<u>Smith, Jane</u>	(pty)
<u>Smith, Jerry Marie</u>	(pty)
<u>Smith, Joe</u>	(pty)
<u>Smith, Joe</u>	(pty)
<u>Smith, John George, Sr</u>	(pty)
<u>Smithy, Jer Monty</u>	(pty)

7. If there are multiple name matches, the screen above will appear. You must select which party you want to further research. Click on the name. If there are not multiple name matches, the next screen below appears.

Select A Case

This person is a party in 84 cases.

0:04-cr-00403-JMR-JGL	USA v. Smith	filed 09/06/04
0:04-cr-00403-JMR-JGL-1	John George Smith, Sr.	filed 09/06/04
0:04-cr-00404-JMR-JGL	USA v. Smith	filed 09/06/04
0:04-cr-00404-JMR-JGL-1	John George Smith, Sr.	filed 09/06/04
0:04-cr-00406-JMR-JGL	USA v. Smith	filed 09/06/04
0:04-cr-00406-JMR-JGL-1	John George Smith, Sr.	filed 09/06/04
0:05-cr-00303-JMR-JGL	USA v. Smith	filed 09/06/04
0:05-cr-00303-JMR-JGL-1	John George Smith, Sr.	filed 09/06/04
0:05-cr-00304-JMR-JGL	USA v. Smith	filed 09/06/04
0:05-cr-00304-JMR-JGL-1	John George Smith, Sr.	filed 09/06/04

8. A list of cases appears that the party is currently linked to. Remember the tricky thing is that the party will be linked to both the main MDL case AND the individual case number. The main case number for Guidant is 05-1708. If you want the individual case number select the other Guidant case number from the list. To view more information in the case, click on the case number.

**If you have questions please feel free to call the helpdesk at:
866-325-4975 or 612-664-5155**